

**Sample Letter to Senator or Representative (from consumer)  
Regarding FCC Rule Making**

[Date]

The Honorable [ Name ]  
[ Address ]

Dear Mr./Ms. [ ] (if to Representative):

Dear Senator [ ] (if to Senator):

[Begin with a description of the writer's interest. E.g., "I am retired and derive many hours of enjoyment from constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes." Or, "I have been interested in aviation for as long as I can remember. I am very active in a local club whose members enjoy constructing and operating radio-controlled model airplanes. I personally own \_\_\_\_ radios, \_\_\_\_ R/C models and have a workshop full of other products necessary to operating my models."]

I am very concerned about the proposed rule that is currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is PR Docket 92-235. If adopted the new rule will greatly reduce the usability of frequencies currently assigned for R/C model use and increase the risk of accidents and attendant liability.

Our radio-control frequencies are in the 72-76 MHz band. This band is primarily used for private land mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio-control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the land mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other.

The Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) in PR Docket 92-235 replaces Part 90 of the rules with a new Part 88. Part 90 allows for safe use of R/C aircraft and surface models by keeping 10 Khz spacing between fixed commercial users and frequencies used by R/C enthusiasts. The new Part 88 will allow mobile users on frequencies within 2.5 Khz of frequencies available to us, eliminating safe use of at least 31 of the 50 channels on the 72 MHz band (for R/C aircraft) and 10 of the 30 frequencies on the 75 MHz band (for R/C cars and boats) now used by hobbyists. In fact, more channels will likely be affected.

When we operate our R/C models, we go to great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Many of our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly decreased.

I don't think it is wise of the FCC to seek to expand the operation conditions of land mobile radio users at the expense of the radio-control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radio, but we have a considerable investment in our models and in our radio equipment. It is a sizeable industry that must be saved from these detrimental FCC actions. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to hundreds of thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not allowing the FCC to carry out its proposal PR Docket 92-235 for the 72-76 MHz band. We all need your help urgently because the FCC has a deadline of February 26, 1993 after which it may become more difficult to avoid halting these proposals from going into effect.

Sincerely,

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Regarding FCC Rule Making

[Date]

Federal Communications Commission  
1919 M Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Sirs:

It has recently come to my attention that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is considering an action that will severely limit and potentially eliminate a very important hobby of mine, radio controlled (R/C) model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats.

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This action will have a severe, detrimental impact upon me and the entire R/C hobby industry. If put into effect, my airplane or helicopter could easily be shot out of the sky by a mobile user I'd have no way of knowing about. This creates a severe health hazard.

I have been involved in this hobby for \_\_\_\_\_ years. I own \_\_\_\_\_ radios and \_\_\_\_\_ model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

I urge you to reconsider this. Keep 10 Khz spacing between all frequencies on 75 MHz and 72 MHz bands available for safe use by R/C enthusiasts. Please don't eliminate this hobby that has grown tremendously over the past 30 years and has so much investment of money and enjoyment of people nationwide.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Washington, DC 20554

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I have been involved in this hobby for 15 years. I own 5 radios and 6 model airplanes, helicopters, cars and boats. In addition, I have numerous engines, motors, chargers, field accessories and other products necessary to support my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will affect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*Howard C. Putman*

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I have been involved in this hobby for five years, I own four radios and four model airplanes and helicopters. In addition, I have a considerable amount invested in support equipment for my hobby. When you consider there are hundreds of thousands of other R/C hobbyists in the U.S. just like me, these proposed rule changes will effect a lot of people economically and in terms of enjoyment.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

*David W. Bunny*

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Our radio control frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band, a band primarily used for private Land Mobile dispatch operations. However, our radio control frequencies in this band are far enough apart from the Land Mobile frequencies that we have been able to share the band without either use interfering with the other. Now the FCC wants to create more Land Mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging the band plan. As a result, many Land Mobile frequencies will move closer to the radio control frequencies. I am told that of the 50 frequencies that are presently available for radio control of model airplanes, only 19 frequencies will be left if these new rules are adopted. Many thousands of dollars of radio control equipment owned by members of my club will be rendered useless.

When we fly our model airplanes we go through great lengths to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and the protection of property. Our safety precautions involve the careful coordination and use of the assigned radio control frequencies. If the number of usable frequencies is diminished as proposed by the FCC, the remaining frequencies will become congested and the margin of safety will be greatly reduced. Please understand that many model airplanes have wing spans up to 10 feet, weigh as much as 30-40 pounds and fly at a high rate of speed. The models themselves are expensive to build; but more to the point, they are capable of causing property damage, serious injury, or even death if radio interference causes the operator to lose control of the craft. We need the use of our full compliment of radio frequencies in order to assure a safe flying environment.

I do not think it is wise for the FCC to seek to allocate more radio frequencies for Land Mobile users at the expense of radio control modelers. The FCC may not think we are as important as business users of radios, but we have a considerable investment in our models and radio equipment. The hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to thousands of people like myself and contributes to the advancement and development of the commercial aviation industry.

Please help me to continue the safe enjoyment of my pastime by not implementing NRPM PR Docket 92-235.

Sincerely

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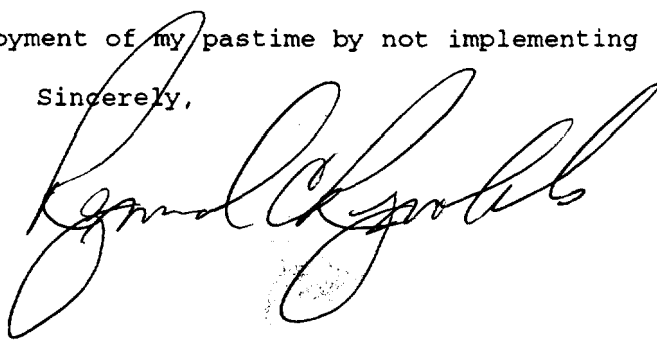
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**Urgent: Serious problem with PR Docket 92-235.**

Dear Sirs:

**Please help me!** My hobby is the construction and operation of radio controlled model airplanes. I have been in this hobby for many years and have a considerable investment in it. It is a wonderful hobby for young and old. Also, I have many friends in this hobby.

I am very concerned about the proposed rules that are currently under consideration by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). The proceeding is **PR Docket 92-235**. If adopted, the new rules will absolutely cause radio interference on the majority of frequencies currently assigned for RC model aircraft use. Safety is very important in this hobby.

Our RC frequencies are in the 72 - 76 MHz band. We share this band with the private land mobile dispatch operations. However, now the FCC wants to create more land mobile frequencies by splitting them into narrower bandwidths and rearranging this band. The mobile frequencies will be separated by 5 KHz but they will bracket the RC frequencies by only 2.5 KHz. This will cause interference on the RC channels. In addition **the technical specifications for the new mobile equipment allows a frequency tolerance which could place their signal directly on an RC channel.**

Can you imagine all the RC airplanes, each costing several hundred dollars or more, that will be crashing to the ground because someone uses a "mobile" telephone in the vicinity. We modelers have controls and rules in place to assure the safety of the operators and bystanders and also the protection of surrounding property. But there will be no protection against these new frequencies because they are "mobile" and we would never know where they are.

The frequency changes are proposed by the FCC Land Mobile Service. The FCC has issued a Notice of Proposed Rule Making (**NPRM - PR Docket 92-235**)

All over the country there are organized events and contests where [REDACTED] This hobby provides many hours of enjoyment to [REDACTED] like myself and my family. *Please help keep model aviation safe.*

**VOTERS !!**

**The FCC must not be allowed to carry out its proposals for the 72 - 76 MHz band.**

Sincerely *Michael Edmund Davis*

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